

What Is Claimed Is:

- 1 1. An impeller for a fan, comprising:
2 a hub, having an upper surface and a center point; and
3 a plurality of blades having bottom portions arranged in
4 a circle on the upper surface with respect to the
5 center point.
- 1 2. The impeller as claimed in claim 1, wherein the blades
2 are formed into an annular structure, having an outer diameter
3 greater than that of the hub.
- 1 3. The impeller as claimed in claim 2, wherein the hub
2 further has a sidewall, and the bottom portion of each blade has
3 a portion extending downward along the sidewall.
- 1 4. The impeller as claimed in claim 1, wherein the blades
2 are formed into an annular structure, having an outer diameter
3 equal to that of the hub.
- 1 5. The impeller as claimed in claim 1, wherein the blades
2 are formed into an annular structure, having an outer diameter
3 less than that of the hub.
- 1 6. The impeller as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hub
2 and the blades are integrally formed.
- 1 7. A fan assembly, comprising:
2 a frame;
3 a motor, disposed in the frame;

4 a hub, disposed in the frame and containing the motor
5 therein, having an upper surface and a center point;
6 and
7 a plurality of blades, having bottom portions arranged in
8 a circle on the upper surface with respect to the
9 center point.

1 8. The fan assembly as claimed in claim 7, wherein the
2 blades are formed into an annular structure, having an outer
3 diameter greater than that of the hub.

1 9. The fan assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein the
2 hub further has a sidewall, and the bottom portion of each blade
3 has a portion extending downward along the sidewall.

1 10. The fan assembly as claimed in claim 7, wherein the
2 blades are formed into an annular structure, having an outer
3 diameter equal to that of the hub.

1 11. The fan assembly as claimed in claim 7, wherein the
2 blades are formed into an annular structure, having an outer
3 diameter less than that of the hub.

1 12. The fan assembly as claimed in claim 7, wherein the
2 hub and the blades are integrally formed.